

## VIEWS ALONG THE PANAMA CANAL AND IN CITIES OF CANAL ZONE SENT TO CONGRESS WITH SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT



Top picture on left shows display of American flag across big cut and party awaiting arrival of President's train. The next picture is that of temporary camps at Cristobal. The next picture shows steam drills at work in Bas Obispo Cut. The last shows laying of brick pavements in Panama.

### Criticism of President's Course Bitterly Denounced In Message As Base Slander, Most Reckless

#### TRAGEDY DEEPLY STIRS CULPEPER

Crowds of All Classes Attend  
Funeral of William  
Bywaters.

#### MOTHER AND WIFE ILL

Shock Has Prostrated Both Women and Their Lives Hang  
in Balance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CULPEPER, VA., December 17.—The third act in the Bywaters-Strother tragedy was enacted here late this afternoon, when the funeral and burial of William E. Bywaters took place. The funeral was held in the modest little home of his devoted mother and widowed sister, with whom he lived. There was a large concourse of people of every class at the house, and the remains were followed to Laurel Cemetery by mourners of every line, and where, after the observance of the usual funeral exercises, all that was mortal of William Bywaters was lowered into his lonely and narrow home. After the exercises at the house the local lodge of Odd Fellows, of which he was a member, took charge of the body, using the beautiful funeral ritual in the burial. Many of the most prominent people of the community were in attendance, and the subdued and hushed stillness of the scene, and the deep pathos of the tragic surroundings, were remembered by all.

The further examination of the case comes up on Wednesday. The condition of Bywaters' mother is critical, and the same is the condition of the condition of the recent bride, and it is thought that she cannot testify in the adjourned hearing of the case on Wednesday.

**Wheels of Justice Move.**  
With the break of day Sunday the wheels of justice began to move, and what are said to be the circumstances which led up to the shooting of Mr. Bywaters were testified to by relatives of the bride.

Dr. E. L. Gaines, the only eyewitness, except the bride, who lay in bed where she was married, and her brothers, James and Philip Strother, who were arrested to await the action of the coroner's jury, made a statement to Coroner E. H. Lewis.

Although the statement of the brothers-in-law was thrilling in the extreme, Mr. George French Strother, of Welch, Va., an older brother, narrated a story even more so before the coroner's jury. W. G. Williams, of Orange Courthouse, late evening. Mr. Williams, after listening to the story, released the Messrs. Strother on \$5,000 bail. Everything seemed to come to a climax at the hearing before the coroner's jury, and there seems to be no doubt about what prompted the killing of Mr. Bywaters.

**Bride Said to Be Dying.**  
The story of the Strother family is that Bywaters wished to desert his bride a short while after the marriage ceremony had been performed and while she was in what they said was supposed to be a pre-nuptial condition. The widow of the victim is said to be at death's door at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gaines, immediately.

Fully Convinced That the  
Canal Enterprise Will  
Be Great Success.

#### HOSTILITY EXPECTED BUT UNCALLED FOR

President Reviews His Trip to  
the Isthmus and Tells About  
the Condition and Pros-  
pects of the Work.

Message Illus-  
trated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—President Roosevelt sent three messages to Congress today dealing, respectively, with the Panama Canal, the public land laws and the condition of the navy.

In the first named message the President describes his recent visit to the isthmus and his inspection of the work on the canal, and gives his impressions of the progress of the great undertaking. He praises highly preliminary steps of the commission, and after replying to critics and scolding unpatriotic slanders, announces his conviction that the ultimate success of the great engineering feat is assured.

This message was handsomely illustrated from photographs taken for the express purpose. Handsomely bound copies of the message were in the hands of Senators and Representatives while the clerk was reading it. The literary style of the message is superior to that of any which have emanated from the Roosevelt pen.

The immediate reworking of the public land laws is urged for the better preservation of the public domain. The timber and stone act should be repealed, the President declares, as it is now giving public lands to the corporations. The desert land act, he says, is a product of frauds, and needs amendment. Various recommendations are made for the improvement of the laws.

The President condemns the present system of promotion of line officers of the navy as archaic, without parallel in the navy of any other first-class power. He urges legislation that will cause officers of the line to reach the grades of captain and rear-admiral at less advanced ages, and will give them more experience and training in the important duties of those grades.

**The Panama Message.**  
Most striking of the several unique features of the Panama message, recounting his visit to the canal zone, and telling of the result of his personal investigation of the existing conditions to be found there, is his savage onslaught on those critics of the canal who he terms "disturbers" and whose criticisms he declares false, malicious and mendacious.

"It is not only natural, but inevitable," he says, "that a work as gigantic as this should arouse every species of hostility and criticism." There is much of what he calls "honest criticism," but "there remains an immense amount of as reckless slander as has ever been published." A feature of novelty was lent the message by the fact that it was accompanied by twenty-six photographic scenes in the canal zone—the work on the canal.

#### NOT SUFFERING LAST DECEMBER

Mr. Montgomery Passed Rigid  
Examination When He Took  
Out \$25,000 Policy.

#### COMPANIES MAY INQUIRE

Papers in Case Sent On to Head  
Office—Coroner Not  
Talking.

From the point of view of the public, the mystery surrounding the death of Mr. Joseph S. Montgomery, who was found dead on his farm, Tree Hill, Friday afternoon, grows deeper, and the question as to why Coroner Deas should have deemed it necessary to hold a secret examination of the witnesses remains still unanswered.

Dr. Deas refuses to discuss this action on the part of the coroner's jury and the legal point involved, saying that there is no mystery about the affair and that the verdict was rendered in proper accordance with the law governing such an inquest. He simply deemed it wise to hold the examination in secret, and that is the end of the matter, so far as it goes with him.

**Examined Recently.**  
On the other hand, it has since developed that Mr. Montgomery was insured for \$47,000, \$17,000 more than was at first stated. It was also learned that \$25,000 of this was taken out in the last eleven months, \$19,000 having been placed with the Northwestern company on December 4.

For this last policy Mr. Montgomery is said, gave his note, paying no cash whatever. The verdict rendered by the coroner's jury as to Mr. Montgomery's death was that it was caused probably by heart disease. In the form filled out by him when taking out his policy on December 4 there was no mention made of any heart trouble, and it would seem, from this fact, that the heart trouble was only of very recent existence. All life insurance is granted only after the intending policyholder has successfully passed the physical examination prescribed by insurance companies. Within the last eleven months Mr. Montgomery was examined by three prominent Richmond physicians for insurance policies. If there had been any defect in the cardiac organ it would seem that one at least of these physicians would have discovered it and made some note of it. That no such defect was noticed by them is made evident by the fact that all three of the physicians passed him for the insurance he wished.

These facts would seem to arouse a doubt as to whether heart trouble was really the cause of Mr. Montgomery's death. If there had been some constitutional weakness of the heart, and if this cause of death had been superinduced by the headache tablets, which it was stated Mr. Montgomery was in the habit of taking, no mention was made of them in the verdict of the coroner's jury. They were passed over completely, and the coroner has made no analysis of them whatever. Dr. Deas, saying last night that he did not consider their connection with the case of sufficient importance to require a chemical analysis. Neither was an autopsy made of the body, which leads

#### JAPAN FOR PEACE SAYS AMBASSADOR

Viscount Aoki, in Notable Speech  
in New York, Acknowledged  
His Country's Obligation.

#### EVER BE FIRM ALLIES

Two Peoples Who Alike Believe  
in Fair Play, Which Is Best  
Assurance of Peace.

NEW YORK, December 17.—After reviewing the Japanese relations long existing between the United States and Japan, Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, tonight declared that his people were fully alive to the magnitude of Japan's obligation to the United States, the memory of which would be a living monument of the cordial friendship that remains the two nations. Eastern Asia, he said, was large enough for the comfort of all nations, and the dream of the peninsula who saw the possibility of a struggle between the United States and Japan for the supremacy of the Pacific was too ridiculous to be made the subject of serious thought.

"It would be difficult to find a parallel case in the history of mankind in which better reasons existed for the maintenance of the most amicable relations between any two nations, whether viewed from historical, commercial or moral points of view."

#### Introduced Her to Nations.

"Historically speaking, it was the United States that reached out the hand of welcome, within which Japan, in her ancient isolation, cherished her own science, literature and art, which were the products of a civilization entirely distinct in type from that of ours. It was the United States that half a century ago offered to Japan the right hand of fellowship and introduced her into the intercourse of nations. Since then not a year has passed but has witnessed some incidents that have vividly recalled to the minds of the two peoples the existence of friendly relations, which formed the basis of their mutual sentiment of respect, love and admiration. That fact naturally was never more eloquently brought home to us than in that hour of gigantic struggle from which we have been spared by the power of some Providence. It was a struggle in which our very existence was at stake."

"Turning to the commercial aspect of the question, the plain facts should not be lost sight of that the Pacific Ocean is a vast expanse of water that the territories of Japan and of the United States nowhere touch each other, and that Eastern Asia, with more than five hundred millions of souls, is large enough to give room for the commerce of all nations, including that of Japan and of the United States. The dream of the peninsula, who seek the phantom of the struggle for supremacy between Japan and the United States for the control of the Pacific, is an illusion to be made the subject of serious contempt."

#### The Open-Door Policy.

"Mr. President, you have fittingly alluded to the fact that the government of Japan is as fully and firmly pledged as the government of the United States to the maintenance of the principles of the open door in the natural markets of Asia. I am not unmindful of the fact that in certain circles during the course of the last summer some doubts were entertained as to the intentions of Japan

#### FAILURE OF BANK A CRUSHING BLOW

City of Waynesburg in Gloom.  
People Depressed and Holiday  
Shopping Stopped.

#### CASHIER PUT UNDER ARREST

He is Charged With Making False  
Reports to Comptroller of  
Currency.

WAYNEBURG, PA., December 17.—With the closing of the Farmers' and Grocers' National Bank last Wednesday, the arrest at Pittsburgh today of Cashier J. R. F. Rhinehart, charged with making false reports to the Comptroller of the Currency, and the discovery of an alleged discrepancy amounting to \$90,000, business in this city is almost at a standstill.

Many merchants sold scarcely a dollar's worth of goods today, and some contemplate closing their stores until the bank difficulty has been adjusted. Hundreds of men, women and children in Waynesburg and the surrounding region had their money deposited in the Farmers' and Grocers' Bank, and as a result of their inability to get at their savings, the holiday season promises to be a sorry one. To secure trade and show their confidence in the institution, several merchants today displayed notices in their windows that checks on the Farmers' and Grocers' Bank would be accepted in payment for holiday goods. It is feared that a shortage of cash will cause further business depression.

Rhinehart returned to Waynesburg from Pittsburgh to-night, where he was met by several of the bank officials, with whom he had a conference. Later it was given out that there was no reason for depositors to be alarmed as Rhinehart's personal assets were sufficient to cover any amount that might have to be made good. It is estimated here that he is worth considerably over \$1,000,000.

#### Attorney Asks for Aid.

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 18.—At 1 o'clock, this morning United States District Attorney John W. Dunlap said to the Associated Press that because of his investigation into the affairs of the Farmers' and Grocers' National Bank, of Waynesburg, Pa., he had asked the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., for assistance in the investigation of the cause of the bank's failure. Mr. Dunlap said that the assistance was necessary before he could proceed with the charges made yesterday, and intimated that other arrests were likely.

#### TRAIN IS WRECKED AND CARS BURNED

Passengers on the Buffalo Local  
Shaken Up, But None of  
Them Injured.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 17.—The New York Central train known as the "Buffalo local," a fast train running between New York and Buffalo, was wrecked about a mile east of Palmyra this afternoon. Engineer Harris was fatally injured, and the entire train, with the exception of one Pullman, was burned to the trucks.

The passengers were badly shaken up, but none seriously injured. Engineer Harris, of Rochester, who was in the first engine, and who by sticking to his post probably saved many lives, was dug out from under the wreckage terribly injured.

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### Beats Its Own Great Record

The Sunday Times-Dispatch of December 16th was a record-breaker for regular issues. It beat its own great record of December 9th, and printed 3,065 inches of paid advertising.

Christmas shoppers, as well as every-day buyers, use this paper as their guide.

It is Supreme in Virginia.

#### RAILWAY YARD AT CRISTOBAL.

#### CITY WILL HAVE AUDITORIUM NOW

Council Concurs in Ac-  
tion of Board of Aldermen  
Appropriating \$15,000.

#### VETERANS MAY YET GET LARGER SUM

Lower Branch Refuses to Re-  
duce Amount and Matter Goes  
to Conference—Mayor's  
Message as to Dis-  
position of Fair-  
mount Money

The Common Council held a brief called session last night, at which more important business was disposed of in a few minutes than is usually done in as many hours. The body concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen in appropriating \$15,000 for the conversion of the Third Market building into an auditorium along the line of the plans prepared by the City Engineer. This ordinance now goes to the Mayor for his approval. The vote on concurrence in the ordinance as passed by the Board was 7 to 1.

Mr. Mills asked to have reported his ordinance providing for the creation of a special joint committee to recommend legislation for the newly-annexed territory and the distribution of the funds available for improvement between eastern and western sections of such new territory. The Council rejected Mr. Lynch's motion to refer, and also his subsequent motion to lay on the table and have printed, after which the ordinance was adopted.

**Hope for Veterans.**  
The action of the Board of Aldermen in amending the joint resolution providing for the appropriation of certain funds out of the 1907 revenues for the entertainment of Confederate veterans visiting this city during the reunion next year was reported to the Council, and on motion of Mr. Mills the body by a recorded vote of 22 to 7 declined to concur in the resolution as passed by the Board. A resolution was adopted calling for a conference of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Public Works to confer on the disagreeing views of the two bodies and this, too, was adopted. The result of this action is that the question as to the amount of the appropriation to be made will be considered by the joint committee, and that a recommendation will be made to the two bodies on the subject. As the resolution passed the Common Council it carried an appropriation of \$20,000 on the part of the city, but the Board amended it so as to make the appropriation \$15,000. It is regarded as practically assured that the two bodies will finally get together on the larger sum recommended.

Mr. Pollard, chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced an ordinance providing for the assumption by the city of Richmond of its equitable portion of the debt of Henrico county, based upon the relative values of the proportion of the county annexed by the city and the proportion remaining, such sum being \$14,028, and providing for the payment to the county of the sum of \$32,000 for the schoolhouses and other property of the county of Henrico acquired by the city in annexation of outlying territory. The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Finance.

**To Acquire Marshall House.**  
Mr. Pollard also introduced an ordinance providing for the acquisition of the John Marshall House, at Ninth and

the new location having been heard, especially since the plan of widening the entire avenue was agreed upon.